

The Press and Banner

PART SECOND.

JAPAN IS MAD.

She Has Recalled Her Ambassador Aoki Back Home.

OUR BIG WAR FLEET

Sailing for the Pacific is supposed to have something to do with the recall of the ambassador.—Both events happening at the same time has created this impression in Washington.

Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador at Washington has been recalled by his government. A dispatch says he has been summoned to Japan by his government to explain personally and in detail the precise situation in regard to the Japanese immigration problem.

The ambassador has been making very careful inquiry on his own account and through the various Japanese consular officials into the extent of the reported race feeling existing in some sections of the United States toward Japanese immigrants.

Already Baron Ishii, one of the secretaries of the Japanese interior department, has made an investigation of conditions existing not only in California, Oregon and Washington, but also in British Columbia on the north, upon which he has based a special report to his government.

At the Japanese embassy in Washington it is stated that the ambassador will probably leave Washington for Tokyo by way of San Francisco or Victoria in about a fortnight, a fact of which he notified the president and Secretary Root.

There is no intimation that he is not to return to Washington. During his absence Mr. Miyokawa, the counselor of the embassy, will be in charge of his affairs. It is thought in Washington that the recall is to be permanent and that the ambassador will not return.

Ambassador Aoki gave notice of his recall practically at the same time that word was received at Washington of the sailing of the torpedo section of the fleet destined for the Pacific.

Many people may connect the things together. Whether or not Japan connected them remains to be seen. He has been cautious, conservative and friendly to a marked degree.

There is every reason to assert that his recall for the purpose of making a verbal report is caused by the fact that his government thinks he has been too temperate, too moderate, too conservative, too amicable and finally too peaceable.

He has been at Washington but a little over a year, having presented his credentials on May 3, 1906, and his recall at this time can be taken as nothing else than an expression of disapproval of his course on the part of the Japanese government.

DEATH OF COL. ELLIOTT.

South Carolina Loses One of Her Noblest Sons.

Col. William Elliott, Sr., commissioner for the government to locate and mark the graves of the Confederate dead interred in the north, died suddenly at his hunting lodge on Buzzards Island, near Beaufort, where he had come from Washington several days ago, to shoot ducks.

Col. Elliott was born in Beaufort in 1838; was educated at Beaufort college, Harvard university, and the University of Virginia; was admitted to the bar at Charleston in 1861; entered the Confederate States army and served as colonel throughout the whole war.

In 1886 was elected a member of the legislature; was a delegate to the national democratic conventions in 1876 and 1888; was democratic presidential elector for the state at large in 1880; served six terms in congress as the representative of the First district of South Carolina, and in 1902 was defeated by A. C. Latimer for the United States senate.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Six Men Penned in a Tunnel Meets Awful Fate.

Six men were burned to death and 14 others were seriously, if not fatally, hurt Thursday in a disastrous fire which penned them in the bore of the new Pennsylvania tunnel, which runs between Homestead, N. J., and West Hoboken.

At latest account, the bodies of the dead men had been taken from the mouth of the tunnel shaft at Homestead. Five more of the workmen, still alive, had been lifted to the surface and were all hurried to Hill in ambulances.

It is known that there were 35 men at work within the tunnel bore when the fire started among the piles of tar being used to mix with stone for the foundation of the roadway of the tunnel. Twelve of these, three of them known to be dead, were still within the tube at a late hour.

ELECTION HALTED

In the Proposed Calhoun County by Judge Gary

On the Petition of Certain Citizens of the Territory Who Are Denied Their Right to Vote.

On Wednesday night of last week Associate Justice Gary granted a temporary injunction restraining the commissioners of election of Orangeburg county from holding the election on the establishment of Calhoun county, which has been ordered by Governor Ransel for Dec. 17.

The injunction was secured by Mr. W. C. Wolfe, of Orangeburg, representing citizens of the proposed new county opposed to its formation. Mr. Wolfe went to Columbia from Orangeburg and appeared before Judge Gary at chambers, presenting a strong complaint, in which several important points are made effecting the election laws of the entire state.

The order signed by Justice Gary leaves the date blank for hearing the case but it will be argued before the entire supreme court in time for it to be settled before the date fixed for the election.

The Court Order.

The order is as follows: "State of South Carolina, county of Orangeburg, in the supreme court. A. R. Parler, D. H. Rush, A. C. Smith, E. F. Irick, G. W. Smith, W. K. Crook, T. W. Murph, F. I. Culler, C. D. Felkel, T. A. Ulmer, plaintiffs, against W. Brooks Fogel, J. S. Bowman, Jr., and T. J. Hart, as commissioners of state and county election for Orangeburg county, defendants.

"On hearing the annexed verified petition, now on motion of Messrs. Herbert, Wolfe and Moss, Attorneys, for plaintiffs, it is

"Ordered that the defendants and each of them, and all persons acting or claiming to act under or for them, officially or otherwise, be and they hereby are restrained and enjoined, until the further order of this court from holding, or preparing to hold, the election upon the question of forming or creating a proposed new county as complained of in the complaint herein, from delivering the election boxes to the managers, or any other act whatsoever doing or attempting to do in connection therewith; and that the defendants show cause, if any they can, before the supreme court at its court room, Columbia, S. C., on the blank day of December, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, why this order should not be made permanent and absolute."

Ground of the Complaint.

The complaint sets forth a number of grounds upon which the injunction is asked, but the principal ones are as follows:

First, that the instructions sent out to the managers declare that only qualified electors residing within the prescribed territory are registered at precincts within the new county shall vote, which cuts off qualified electors who live within proposed new county but whose precincts are outside that territory. This is a conflict between the constitution and the statute which has already been passed on by the Attorney General, but not by the courts.

Secondly, that the registration books of Orangeburg County have not been revised within the period prescribed by the constitution and that as a matter of fact there is not a legal elector within the county. If the court sustains this point it will affect not Orangeburg county alone, but the entire State, and will not only vitiate all elections, but will seriously interfere with the work of the courts, since only qualified electors can serve as jurors.

RESCUE THEIR CHILD

Fond Parents Found Their Daughter In Gypsy Camp.

By a writ of habeas corpus Vantonio Thompson and his wife, of Los Angeles, Cal., Thursday secured possession of their sixteen year old daughter, Marie, from a band of gypsies encamped on the outskirts of St. Louis.

Disguised as gypsies themselves they invaded the camp and found their daughter. She threw herself into her mother's arms, but a number of the gypsies under the command of King John seized the girl and drove the parents away.

The parents then secured the writ. Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Banker, they returned to the camp and obtained the girl. Such hands as these gypsies should not be allowed to roam over the country.

HAD TO KISS PRETTY GIRL.

Ousted Methodist Minister Said He Couldn't Resist Her.

Caught with his arms about a pretty girl, whom he was kissing, the Rev. M. M. Blease, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., a leading member of the Alabama conference, said he couldn't help her. He has been unfrocked and expelled from their church. He is a married man. "I don't believe any man could have helped doing as I did under the circumstances," said Blease. He is 40 years old. Mrs. Blease blames the girl.

MAD MAN SHOOT

Labor Leaders And One of Them Fatally Hurt.

SHOT IN STATE HOUSE

Was Waiting to See Gov. Guild When Attacked.—Private Secretary Grove Grappled With the Maniac and With Others Overpowered Him.—The Madman Recently Released From An Asylum.

At Boston, Mass., on Thursday an insane man walked into the ante-room of the executive chamber of the State House and finding Gov. Guild's door closed, turned on three prominent labor leaders and fired three shots at them, probably fatally wounding Edward Cohen of Lynn, president of the State branch of the American Federation of Labor; seriously wounding Dennis D. Driscoll of Boston, secretary of the same board, and injuring with the muzzle of his revolver Arthur M. Huddell of Boston, former president of the Central Labor union of that city.

The insane man, who was John A. Steele of Everett, and who was released on parole last month from the Danvers insane asylum, was overpowered by Private Secretary Chas. S. Grove and Gen. J. H. Whitney, chief of the State police.

Gov. Guild was in his office only a few feet away and rushing out, assisted in subduing Steele, then knelt by Cohen's side and subsequently directed the removal of the wounded men to the hospital.

Cohen was shot twice through the head and was in a critical condition at the Massachusetts General hospital that night. The third bullet struck Driscoll a glancing blow on the side of the forehead and, making a long wound over the head, rendered him unconscious. He recovered consciousness half an hour later. Huddell's wound was quickly dressed and will probably cause him little inconvenience.

The three labor leaders came to the State house to meet the governor by appointment in regard to a pardon for A. M. Kennedy, of Salem, who is serving a sentence in the Essex house of correction. They reached the State house shortly after three o'clock and found that the governor was receiving a delegation from Rhode Island. The three labor men were asked to wait in one of the ante-rooms until the Rhode Island men should leave. All three were standing beside a long table conversing pleasantly when at the far end of the room Private Secretary Grove was dictating a letter to the executive stenographer.

Suddenly Steele appeared at the door of the room from the hallway and without announcing his mission walked by the doorkeeper and Messenger Reed and then glanced toward Gov. Guild's room, which was about 20 feet away. The door was closed, Steele turned around and drawing a revolver, fired at Cohen, who was about six feet away. Cohen's back was turned and the bullet struck the back of the head directly through, and came out at the forehead, driving a great splash of blood to the wall opposite and beside the picture of Abraham Lincoln. The wounded man turned, only to receive another bullet in the head, which also passed completely through. Cohen sank unconscious to the floor. Steele then swung around and fired at Driscoll, the bullet inflicting a severe scalp wound. Driscoll fell unconscious to the floor. Huddell, in attempting to close on the man, was struck on the cheek by the muzzle of the revolver and knocked down. But Steele made no attempt to fire again.

By this time Secretary Grove had leaped over a table and grabbed with Steele and at the same moment, Gen. Whitney, who had been summoned to the Kentucky hearing, came through the door and rushed to his assistance. Huddell also jumped and wrenched the revolver away, while one of the messengers dashed into the governor's office and said: "They are murdering people in the lobby."

The governor instantly went into the lobby and helped Gen. Whitney. Mr. Grove and Mr. Huddell pushed Steele onto one of the sofas. Word was sent to the office of the State police in the basement and a force of officers quickly reached the scene and handcuffed Steele. In the meantime, Gov. Guild had knelt by Cohen's side and was wiping his face with a handkerchief and towels. Dr. Owen Copp, chairman of the State board of insanity, was summoned and he immediately recognized Steele, having had him under observation for more than five years in various State insane asylums. Steele was then taken to the office of the State police and subsequently sent under a strong guard to the Tombs.

The doctor, after a hasty examination of Cohen and Driscoll, expressed the opinion that the former's wounds would probably prove fatal, but that Driscoll's wound was only a scalp wound.

The two wounded men were conveyed to the Massachusetts General hospital. Huddell was also taken to the hospital.

Several of the State officials said

after the shooting that Steele was a well known character to the board of insanity and that he had an illusion that he was not getting his rights, for which he held the governor responsible.

Edward Cohen is one of the best known labor leaders in Massachusetts. He is married and has several children.

Dr. Driscoll is almost as prominent in labor circles in the State. Mr. Huddell is president of the local Central Labor Union.

Steele, who is 37 years old, was released from the Danvers insane asylum Nov. 13, last, upon solicitation of his mother, the institution's officials believing that he had showed almost positive signs of recovery. He never showed any sign of violence while in the asylum.

STORM PLAYS HAVOC.

Wind Reaches Velocity of Sixty Miles at Cape Henry.

The wind reached a minimum velocity at Cape Henry in Thursday night's coast storm of sixty miles an hour. It blew from the northwest and drove seaward rather than toward shore any vessels that may have been caught in its teeth, but so far no wrecks have been reported.

The wind at its hurricane velocity carried before it everything movable on shore and it is feared that much havoc was wrought at sea. The government's seacoast telegraph wires from Cape Henry southward are not working and no word could be had from the Cape Hatteras section. No word could be had from the Boston yacht Mableton, bound to Jacksonville and stranded in Roanoke sound, N. C.

Several of the big battleships Some of the big battleships head-on ports doubtless had severe experiences if caught within the radius of the gale.

The severity of the gale has caused some anxiety to be felt for the safety of the six little vessels of the torpedo flotilla bound for San Juan en route to the Pacific coast, but with three days' start the little vessels have probably gotten far enough away to escape the storm.

BIG BANK FAILURE.

National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City Goes Under.

The National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City failed to open its doors and is now in the hands of a national bank examiner. The bank is one of the oldest there, and is the largest financial institution in the city.

The notice on the door says the bank was closed by order of the board of directors.

The directors and stockholders include some of the most prominent men in the city. The head of the clearing house association expressed the belief that the failure would not involve any of the other Kansas City banks.

When the statement of the National Bank of Commerce under the last call appeared, it showed that since the statement of August 22 deposits had been reduced from close to thirty-five million dollars to \$16,952,968. The statement showed also that the items of loans and discounts had been cut down four million dollars.

Two small branches of the National Bank of Commerce, the Stock Yards Bank of Commerce and the Union Avenue Bank of Commerce, also closed their doors.

NOVEL SCHEME.

Devised to Wipe Out a Burdensome Church Debt.

Thomas Vinnedge, a member of the Baptist Church of Hope, Ind., has devised a novel plan for wiping out the debt against his church. He has written to many persons throughout the United States asking the donation of a hog from each. His first mail brought 30 replies. Among those who have agreed to donate a hog is Mayor Johnson of Cleveland. One half of the sales money is to be applied to the church debt, and the other half remitted to those who gave the hogs. It is expected that at least 1,000 hogs will be received.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

Workers in the Pennsylvania Tunnel Were in Danger.

Eleven unconscious men were removed from the New Jersey end of the Pennsylvania tunnel, following a fire in the tunnel at Homestead, N. J. There were 150 men in the tunnel when the fire broke out and the place was filled with smoke. All but 11 fled to the surface, but their comrades were overcome by the smoke and were taken out by a rescuing party.

RESULTS OF FIRES.

One Woman Burned and Seven Firemen Overcome.

One woman was killed and seven firemen were overcome as the result of two fires in New York on Thursday. Mrs. Annie Linahan, aged 76, was burned to death in a five story brick tenement in East 17th Street. Thirty others were rescued from windows and fire escapes. Illuminating gas nearly caused the death of seven firemen who were fighting a blaze in a store and office building.

MANY MEN DIE

In Fearful Disaster in a West Virginian Coal Mine.

FOUR HUNDRED DEAD

The Catastrophe Was the Result of a Fearful Gas Explosion, Which Buried the Unfortunate Men Beneath Tons of Coal, Rock and Other Debris.—Only Four of the Day Workers Alive.

Three charred and blackened bodies lying in the improvised morgue prepared near the entrance to the mine, four men hovering between life and death from the awful bruises sustained and the deadly gases inhaled in a temporary hospital into one of the companies buildings has been transformed, and 369 men imprisoned by tons of coal, rock and debris in the depths of the hills surrounding the mining town of Monogah, W. Va., with the chances all against a single one of them being alive, is the most accurate summary obtainable of the result of a mine explosion Friday, which in all probability was attended by greater loss of life than any disaster in the history of the bituminous coal mining industry of America.

The explosion occurred shortly after ten o'clock Friday. The full force of 380 men had gone to work in the mines affected. These mines are Nos. 6 and 8, of the Consolidated Coal Company, located on opposite sides of the West Fork River at Monogah, but merged in their underground workings by a heading, and on the surface by a great steel trestle and bridge. The finding of the three corpses and the four badly injured men it the only reward for strenuous and interrupted work on the part of the large rescuing forces that immediately set to work at every possible point.

The four living men are unable to give any details in regard to the disaster or even explain how they reached the surface. They state that immediately back of them when they began the frantic struggle for liberty there was a large number of men engaged in a similar struggle, while still further back in the workings there was a large number of whom they knew nothing.

It is the opinion of the mine officials and others familiar with mining that the seven men had not penetrated as far as had the majority of the day shift when the explosion occurred, and that they headed for the surface and reached the main entry before the heavy cave-in that now blocks the entrance more than a hundred feet beyond the main opening of the mine No. 6.

As to the miners referred to by the rescued men as having been alive when last seen, it is believed that they were caught back of a heavy cave-in of coal and mine roof, and that they could not have survived more than a few minutes in the deadly gases with which the entry filled as soon as the ventilating system was interrupted. There is more hope for those in more remote sections of the mine as they may have reached workings where fresh air is supplied by other openings.

Evidencing the terrific force of the explosion, props in the entry of No. 6 mine supporting the roof were not only shattered and torn from their position, but were blown out of the entry and to the opposite side of the river.

Other evidence of the force is shown in every section of the mines that has been reached by the rescuers. Huge quantities of coal and rock have been loosened and hurled into every opening, and all the underground structure is wrecked beyond semblance of its original shape.

The entry of No. 6 mine, 300 feet from the mouth, is piled high with the wreckage of two strings of cars and two electric motors. Some of the rescuers have climbed over this and found dead bodies beyond, but have made no attempt to remove them to the surface, partly because it would be almost impossible to carry the bodies over the debris, but more particularly because they do not want to lose any time in reaching other sections of the mine, where it is possible men still living may be imprisoned.

The cars are being righted as fast as possible and removed from the entry together with all other obstructions. All of the heading leading off from the main entry are being cut off by canvass and barricaded as fast as they are removed by the relief workers, so that the innermost workings of the mine may be given the benefit of the ventilating system to sustain any that may be yet living and make possible an early exploration of these workings.

Wives and mothers and sweethearts, together with children and members of the stronger sex, move from place to place, vainly seeking information and making no attempt to conceal the grief that overwhelms

PREACHES HARMONY.

In Speeches at Tremont and Chicago on Friday.

Bryan Expresses The Opinion That Roosevelt is the Only Republican Who Can Be Elected.

A dispatch from Tremont, Ill., says William Jennings Bryan opened his Illinois campaign for the nomination for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket there on Friday night in two rousing speeches, delivered before mass meetings, and later at a banquet at which nearly 700 prominent Northern Illinois Democrats assembled. Mr. Bryan spoke on the "Vindication of the Democratic Platform since 1896."

"The Republican party," said Mr. Bryan, "has been steadily falling from popularity, until to-day but one man can win the Presidency, one who will break away from precedent and accept a third term, and one who has only gained his popularity by taking for his issue planks from the Republican platform."

He pointed out that the present financial stringency was the result of turning down Democracy's bimetallic issue and declared the trusts, tariff and labor arbitration problems were being solved according to the lines embraced in Democratic platforms.

Speaks at Chicago.

A dispatch from Chicago says William Jennings Bryan Friday at a luncheon given by the Iroquois Club made a notable speech, the keynote of which was harmony.

"Where an agreement has been reached among men as to what ought to be done there should be forgetfulness for the past," he said, and his sentiment was applauded.

"Men should have good forgetting machines so far as individuals are concerned. 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors' is a good doctrine to follow. Resentment and revenge are the most foolish of things."

Men who heard the words took them to mean that Mr. Bryan's differences with National Committee-man Roger C. Sullivan are at an end, and that there will be no Anti-Bryan contest. Mr. Sullivan has declared that he will not renew the strife afresh.

Mr. Bryan declared that the Democratic party is more united today than it has been for years, whereas the Republicans, he asserted, are divided.

NEW KIND OF SWINDLE.

Columbia Police Warns Merchants Against This Fellow.

The State says that Chief of Police Carthart desires to warn the merchants of this State against a crook whose operations are entirely new in this section. The man successfully worked his game the other day and the police authorities expect him to attempt it again on some unsuspecting merchant. His identity is so far an unknown quantity and the police will have to depend upon the merchants to help effect his capture.

The modus operandi of this mysterious knight of the swindler's art is as follows: He will call a merchant over the 'phone and give an order for certain articles of merchandise, directing that they be sent to a certain number. This is accompanied by a request that the bill be sent along with the goods; also the necessary change for a five or ten dollar bill. For instance, he will order \$2 worth of merchandise and ask that \$3 be sent along as change, explaining that he has nothing less than a five dollar bill. The goods and the required change are sent out and the mysterious stranger is on hand at the number indicated. He gets the goods and the change, hands a note to the messenger, supposedly containing the \$5 bill, and the messenger goes back to the store to find that he has been worked to the tune of \$5.

THREE MEN KILLED.

While Stealing a Ride on a Freight Train.

As the result of a derailment on a trestle over a small creek just below the station of Blair, twelve cars of freight train No. 54 jumped the track and six cars crashed to the creek below tearing down the trestle and killing three men.

The accident occurred about four o'clock Wednesday morning, the train being bound for Columbia, and in charge of Engineer Bird and Conductor Summers. As none of the crew was injured it was understood and reported that no one was hurt.

However, when the wrecking train arrived and the derrick lifted some of the wrecked cars, beneath the debris were found the bodies of three white men. Two of them were identified as the Queen brothers of Union, and the other as Gray. Their parents reside in Augusta, Ga.

But little news can be given them and such as they do get is bad. No one is encouraged to hope that any one in the mine has survived the explosion and the suffocating gas that thereafter filled the mines.

DIED IN A MINE.

Explosions Kills Forty-Seven Miners at Naomi, Pa.

BODIES ARE LOCATED

And Are Being Brought to the Surface by the Rescuers Who Have Been at Work Ever Since The Terrible Catastrophe Happened On Last Sunday Evening Without The Slightest Warning to the People.

A dispatch from Naomi, Pa., says the fate of the American and forty-two foreign miners, while not definitely known, was pretty well established by the finding of a body at a mine pump near the 22nd entry of the Naomi mine of the United Coal company at Fayette City, in which an explosion occurred Sunday night. The man had died from suffocation.

Judging from the two fatalities thus far known, both having been caused by poisonous gas fumes, it is almost certain that the forty-seven miners still entombed in the mine have succumbed to the deadly afterglow.

Slowly winding their way around a deep spiral stairway which leads down into the main heading of the mines, rescuers are carrying to daylight the bodies of the men who met death in a terrific explosion which shook surrounding villages.

The rescuers began carrying up the bodies at 10 o'clock and the remains of 35 victims have been located and carried to the foot of the stairway at that time.

By noon all the victims will have been taken to the surface. All precautions are taken to prevent grief-stricken mothers, wives and children from viewing the bodies until they can be made more presentable. In nearly all instances the bodies can be identified.

If the best information obtainable is borne out, the remainder of the bodies will be found in some of the off-headers or butt entries which have a so far found impassable.

BATTLE BETWEEN ANIMALS.

Tiger Kills Polar Bear at Circus Performance.

A dispatch from Timmonsville to the State says during the progress of the performance presented there Thursday afternoon at the wild animal show which is being offered by the Johnny Jones Exposition shows one of the most sensational battles to death known to animal history took place. While one of the acts was taking place, in which Herr von Waldo, the noted German trainer, offers four African lions, two Bengal tigers and two Polar bears, all performing together, Romeo, one of the big tigers, became angered and pounced upon one of the Polar bears. After a terrible battle the tiger succeeded in sinking its fangs into the Jugular vein of the Polar bear, which died almost instantly. The other animals became enraged by the scent of blood and von Waldo showed great bravery at the risk of his own life in subduing them. The Polar bear was valued at \$2,000, being one of the largest and best trained in captivity. The fight was witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

LEOPARD'S TEETH EXTRACTED

Alice Faints When Last of Twelve Is Yanked Out.

Alice, a nine-month-old leopard cub in the Central Park Zoo, New York, had 12 teeth extracted and fainted under the operation. The keepers had noticed for several days that Alice did not seem well and finally she refused to eat.

Investigation showed that the little leopard's baby teeth in the lower jaw had not been shed and that the permanent teeth had grown in front of them.

Several dentists were telephoned for to draw the teeth, but none responded to the call, so the keeper drew them himself. When the last one came out Alice fainted, and several large drinks of brandy were required to revive her. She soon recovered and the keepers say she will be in her usual spirits in a few days.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

Tried to Stab a Hog and Killed a Man.

E. E. Prince, a farmer living about three miles north of Cairo, Ga., while killing hogs Monday, assisted by Jim Lewis, a negro, accidentally stabbed Lewis. They had hit a hog in the head and both men caught the animal to stab him. Mr. Prince holding the knife, just as he stabbed the hog, which was a very large one, the hog made a lunge backward, throwing Mr. Prince who held the knife in his hand back on the negro. As he fell the knife struck the negro just over the heart and penetrated in. Medical assistance was summoned but before it arrived the negro was dead. The negro made a statement to the effect that his stabbing was an accident before he died.